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Panangad-Vazhakkad road in Ernad taluk

* 948 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHEB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the formation of a road starting from Ramanattukara and running to Vazhakkad via Feroke College in Ernad taluk in Malabar has been sanctioned by the Government;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) the present stage of the work; and

(*d*) why the work is not expeditiously pursued?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The work referred to is presumably that of forming a road from Panangad (which is 1½ miles to the east of Ramanattukara) to Vazhakkad which was sanctioned by Government for execution in 1949–50. It has not yet been taken up for execution due to want of funds."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHEB :—" Sir, may I know whether, in view of the importance of this road and the urgent necessity for the students attending the Feroke College to have a convenient way for going to the College from Ramanattukara and other areas, the Government will expedite the formation and completion of this road? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, it will not be possible to take up this work in 1955–56. It will be taken up in the Second Five-Year Plan along with other uncommenced and incomplete works."

Jaggery co-operative societies to Malabar

* 949 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications were received by the District Prohibition Officer, Malabar, within the last one year for starting jaggery co-operative societies in Malabar;

(*b*) how many applications were accepted and how many rejected by the Prohibition department; and

(*c*) the reasons for the rejections?

8-40 a.m. THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN—" (*a*) Twenty-five.

" (*b*) Fourteen applications were accepted, 9 applications were not recommended and the remaining two applications are pending enquiry.

" (*c*) The reasons for rejection in the case of the nine villages are :—

(1) The opinion of the public was not in favour of such permission;